IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

~~metadata acquisition means for acquiring~~ a processor configured to acquire metadata of content;

~~metadata analysis means for analyzing~~ said processor configured to analyze an attribute of said acquired metadata ~~acquired by said metadata acquisition means~~;

~~dictionary generation means for generating~~ said processor configured to generate dictionary data for correlating said attribute with an attribute item contained in said attribute on the basis of ~~an~~ a result of said analysis ~~result acquired by said metadata analysis means~~;

said processor configured to detect, from among words contained in said metadata, a word which is high in co-occurrence in metadata of other contents having a particular attribute item as a keyword of said attribute item, thereby correlating said attribute item of said metadata with said keyword; ~~and~~

~~database generation means for assigning~~ said processor configured to assign said attribute item to said acquired metadata ~~acquired by said metadata acquisition means~~ on the basis of said generated dictionary data; ~~generated by said dictionary data generation means~~ and

a memory configured to store ~~storing~~ said metadata assigned with said attribute item into a database.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1 [[2]], wherein said ~~dictionary generation means deletes~~ processor is configured to delete an unnecessary word included in said metadata, wherein said unnecessary word is a commonly detected word which is not important in identifying a content of said metadata.

4. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said processor is configured to assign ~~database generation means assigns~~ a genre to said metadata as said attribute item.

5. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising:

~~extraction means for extracting~~ said processor configured to extract interest data indicative of user interest;

~~search means for extracting~~ said processor configured to extract a keyword from said interest data ~~extracted by said extraction means~~, searching, on the basis of said keyword, said generated dictionary data ~~generated by said dictionary generation means for acquiring~~ to acquire a genre corresponding to said keyword, and searching, on the basis of said genre, said generated database ~~generated by said database generation means~~; and

~~presentation means for presenting~~ said processor configured to present information retrieved by said search ~~means~~;

wherein a user evaluation entered in response to said information presented ~~by said presentation means~~ is reflected on the extraction of said interest data.

6. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, ~~wherein said~~ further comprising ~~metadata analysis means comprising~~:

resolving means for resolving said processor configured to resolve said metadata into components; and

storage means for collecting a memory configured to collect and store said resolved metadata resolved by said resolving means for each attribute item, and storing the collected metadata.

7. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein, on the basis of the components included in said metadata, said processor is configured to complement database generation means complements a component which is not included in said metadata.

8. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said processor is configured to assign database generation means assigns, as said attribute, a popularity category to the acquired metadata acquired by said metadata acquisition means.

9. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said processor is configured to generate dictionary generation means generates a dictionary of said popularity category on the basis of a keyword contained in said metadata, and said database generation means assigns assign said popularity category of said metadata on the basis of said dictionary.

10. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, on the basis of a keyword contained in said metadata, said processor is configured to

assign ~~database generation means assigns~~, as said attribute of said metadata, an association category for associating a plurality of attribute items associated with said keyword.

11. (Currently Amended) An information processing method comprising the steps of:

acquiring metadata of content;

analyzing an attribute of said metadata acquired in said metadata acquisition step;

generating dictionary data for correlating said attribute with an attribute item contained in said attribute on the basis of an analysis result acquired in said metadata analysis step; ~~and~~

detecting, from among words contained in said metadata, a word which is high in co-occurrence in metadata of other contents having a particular attribute item as a keyword of said attribute item, thereby correlating said attribute item of said metadata with said keyword;

generating a database by assigning said attribute item to metadata acquired in said metadata acquisition step on the basis of said dictionary data generated in said dictionary data generation step[[,]]; and ~~by~~

storing said metadata assigned with said attribute item into a database.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended)   A recording medium recording a program for making a computer execute the ~~controlling~~ steps of:

acquiring metadata of content;

analyzing an attribute of said metadata acquired in said metadata acquisition step;

generating dictionary data for correlating said attribute with an attribute item contained in said attribute on the basis of an analysis result acquired in said metadata analysis step; ~~and~~

detecting, from among words contained in said metadata, a word which is high in co-occurrence in metadata of other contents having a particular attribute item as a keyword of said attribute item, thereby correlating said attribute item of said metadata with said keyword;

generating a data base by assigning said attribute item to metadata acquired in said metadata acquisition step on the basis of said dictionary data generated in said dictionary data generation step[[,]]; and ~~by~~

storing said metadata assigned with said attribute item into a database.